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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT												
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Y ₁	US 6,430,402 B1 (Agahi-Kesheh) 6 August 2002 whole document	1-19										
Y ₂ *	WO 94/14376 A1 (Cochlear Pty Ltd) 7 July 1994 whole document *note: WO 94/14376 can be combined with either of Y ₁ or Y ₃ for lack of inventive step.	1-19										
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